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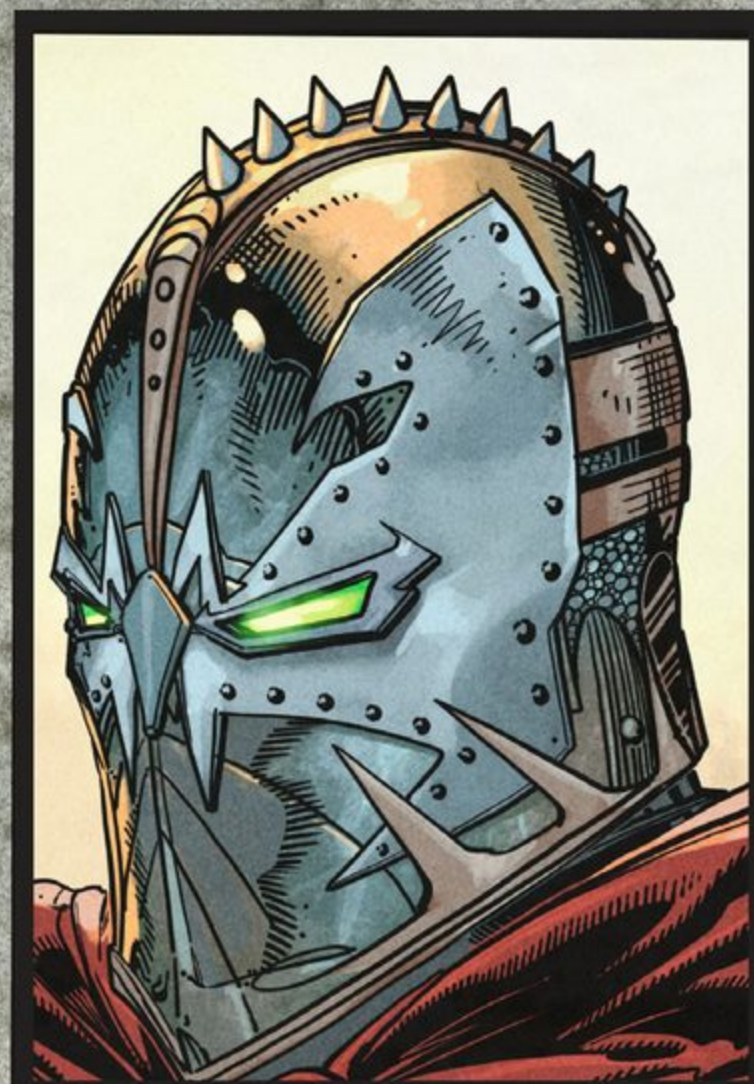
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PREVIOUSLY IN THE SCORCHED

After accompanying Spawn on a mission to clear out a Psalms 137 base, She-Spawn, Medieval, Redeemer, and Gunslinger Spawn find themselves with a new home and the beginning of a new mission!





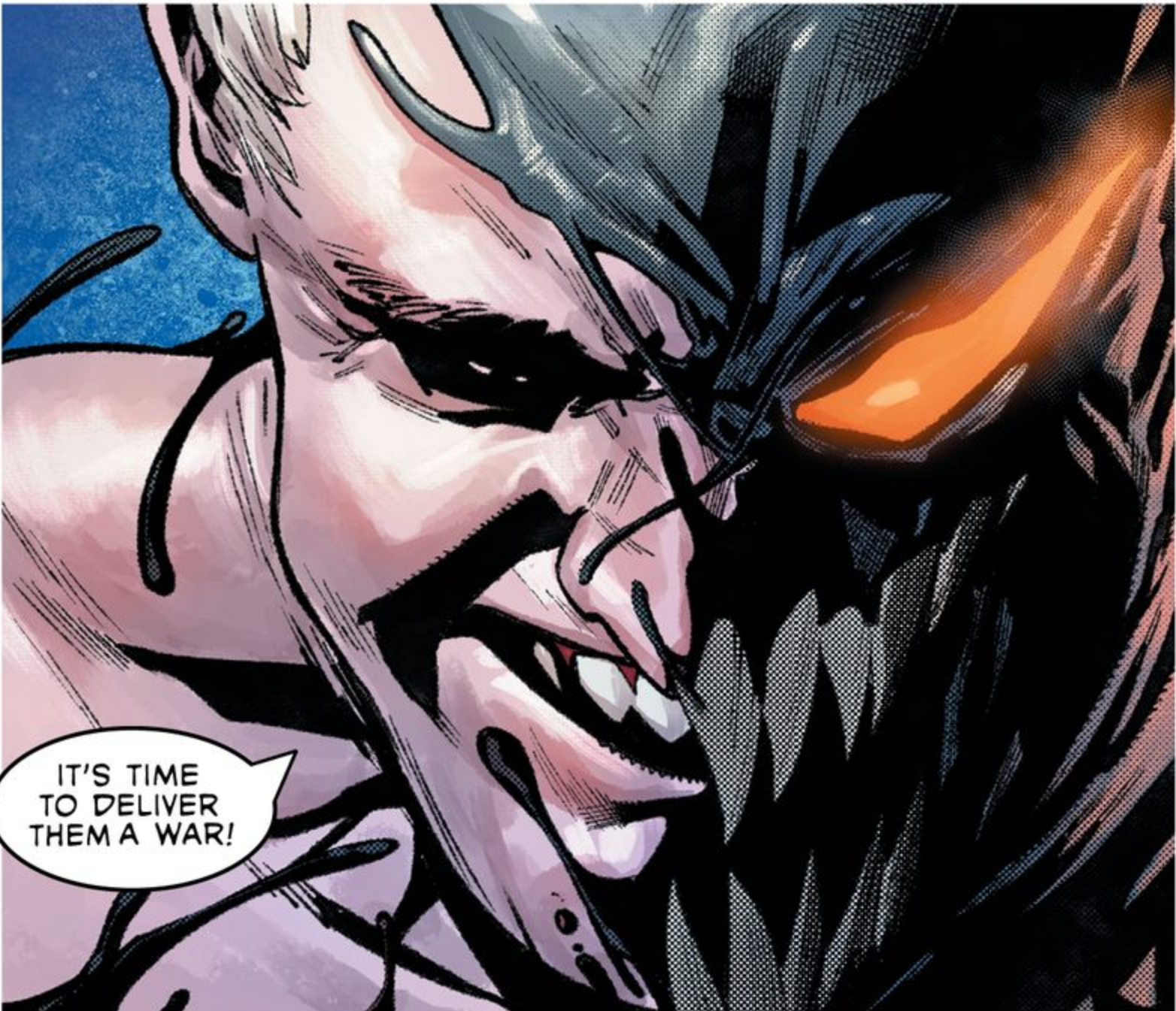
...WE'VE
ALL BECOME
GODS!

SO, **DEATH**
TO OUR ENEMIES,
AS HARSH AS WE
CAN DELIVER IT
WITH AS MUCH
PAIN AS
POSSIBLE!

BECAUSE KRUSCHEV KNOWS
THE FUTURE OF WARS WON'T
BE WON BY HUMANS. THEY
WON'T BE TESTS OF BRAVERY
AND STRATEGY. THEY WILL BE
DISPLAYS OF ENGINEERING
AND TECHNOLOGY.

AND KRUSCHEV IS HAPPY
TO BE ITS FIRST GUINEA PIG.
EVEN IF IT MEANS PUTTING A
DISEASE--A **PLAGUE**--INTO
HIS OWN BLOODSTREAM.

HOPING TO BECOME AS
MUCH OF A **MONSTER**
AS THOSE HE FIGHTS!





THE PROBLEM WITH THAT STRATEGY IS SOME OF THESE HEROES HAVE BEEN THROUGH DOZENS OF WARS, AGAINST SOME OF THE GREAT TACTICAL MINDS IN HISTORY.



THEIR SKILLS HONED OVER MANY CENTURIES.



SO, WHEN FACED WITH THIS NEW ONSLAUGHT, THEY FIGHT WITH AN ATTITUDE THAT SCREAMS: "BRING IT ON!"



IN THE SKY, LOOK!

I SEE IT.

IT'S A RAVEN!

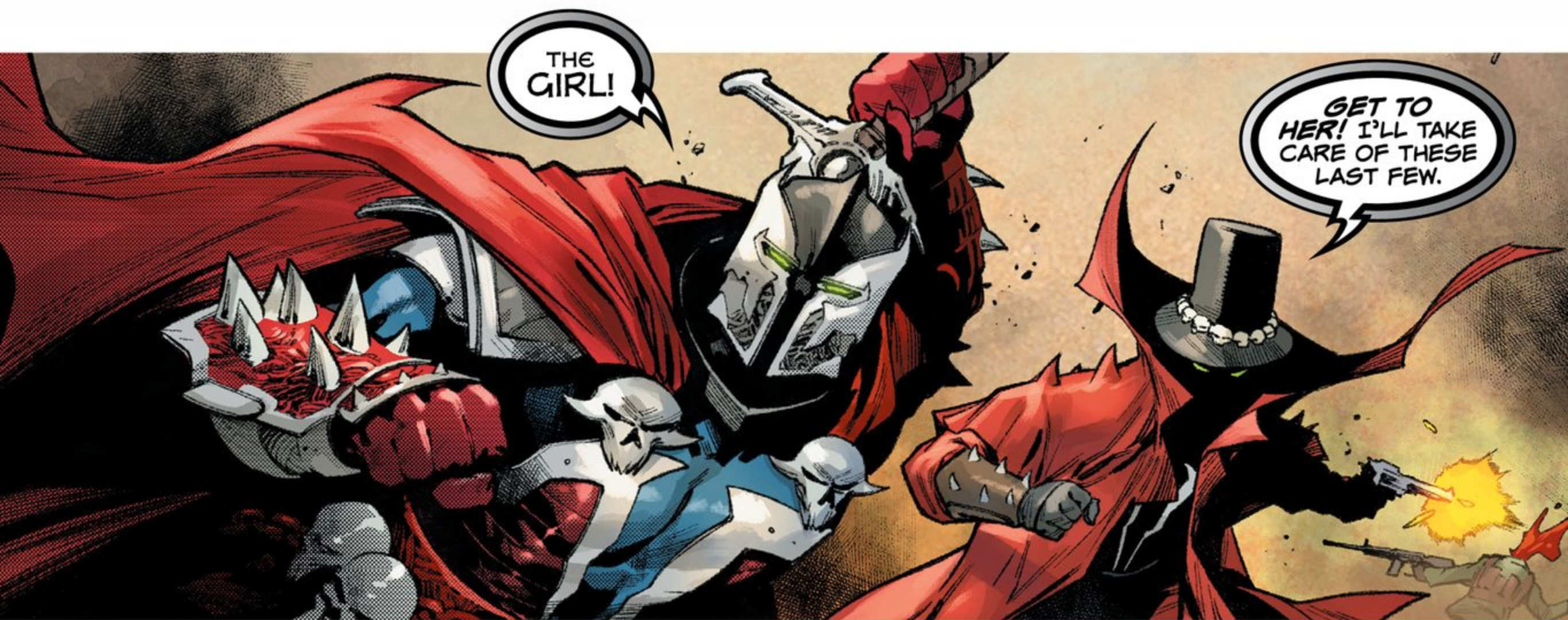
RAVENS WERE BIRDS OF DEATH
FROM OLD RUSSIAN STORIES.
SAID TO HAVE OFTEN FLOWN OVER
FIELDS SEARCHING FOR CARRION.

SO, NATASHA IS CORRECT,
THOUGH THIS RAVEN IS BUILT OF
STEEL. IT'S A RUSSIAN SUKHOI
SU-57. THE BLACK FLAG'S
VERSION OF AN F-15 FIGHTER.

SINGLE SEAT. STEALTH
WITH ITS SOUND.
150 ROUNDS TO FIRE
IN A MOMENT.

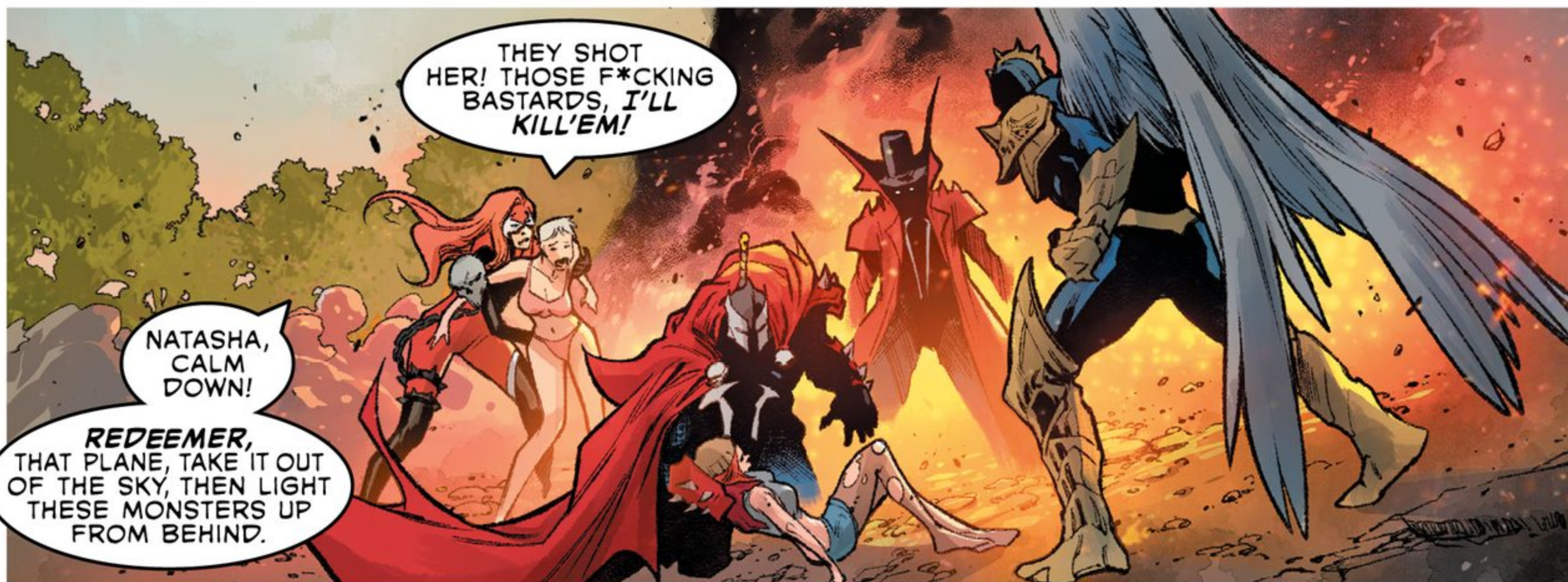


AND IT
DOES INDEED
BRING DEATH.



THE GIRL!

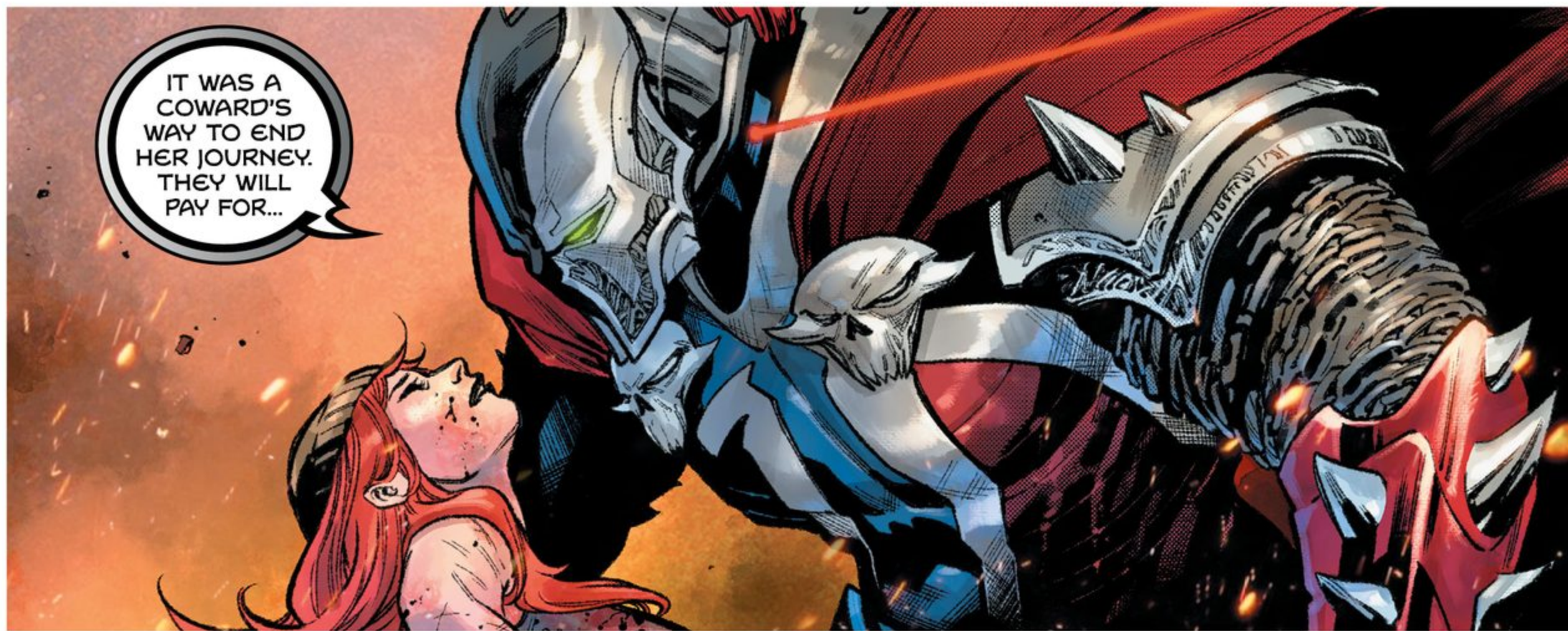
GET TO HER! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THESE LAST FEW.



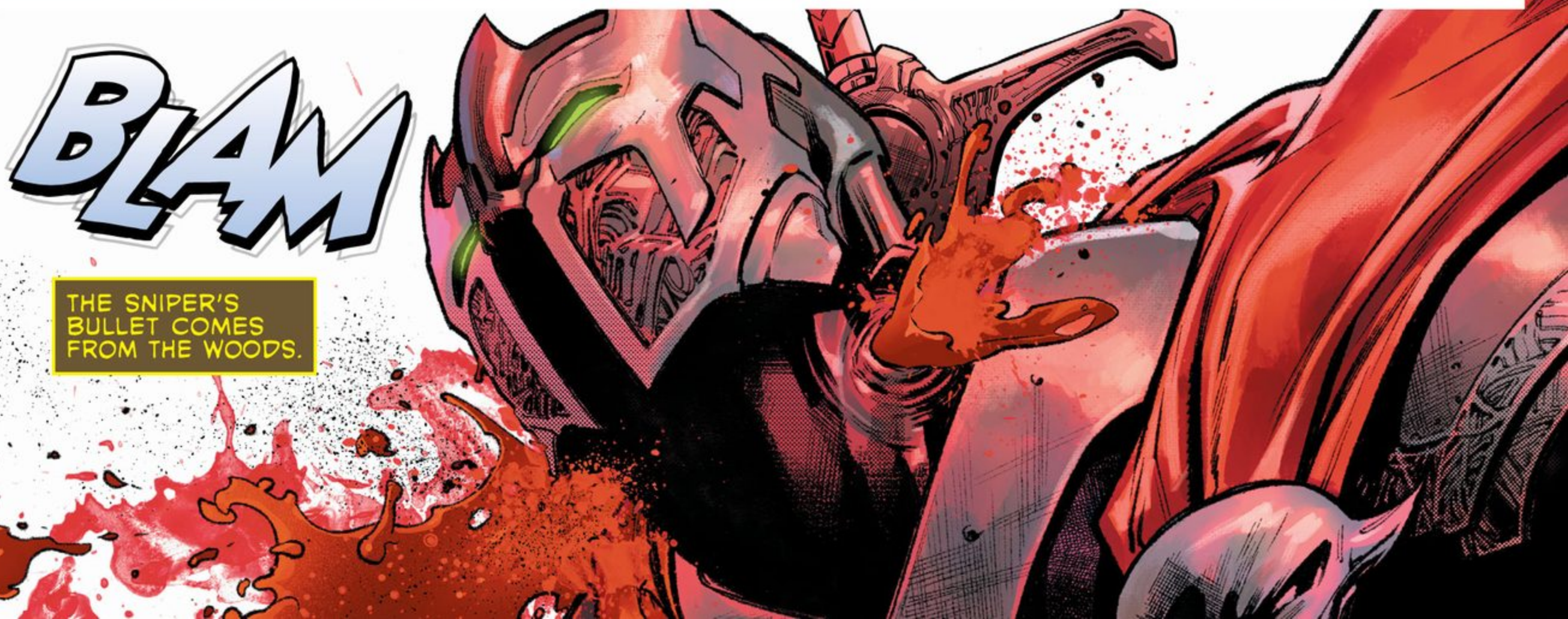
THEY SHOT HER! THOSE F*CKING BASTARDS, I'LL KILL'EM!

NATASHA, CALM DOWN!

REDEEMER, THAT PLANE, TAKE IT OUT OF THE SKY, THEN LIGHT THESE MONSTERS UP FROM BEHIND.

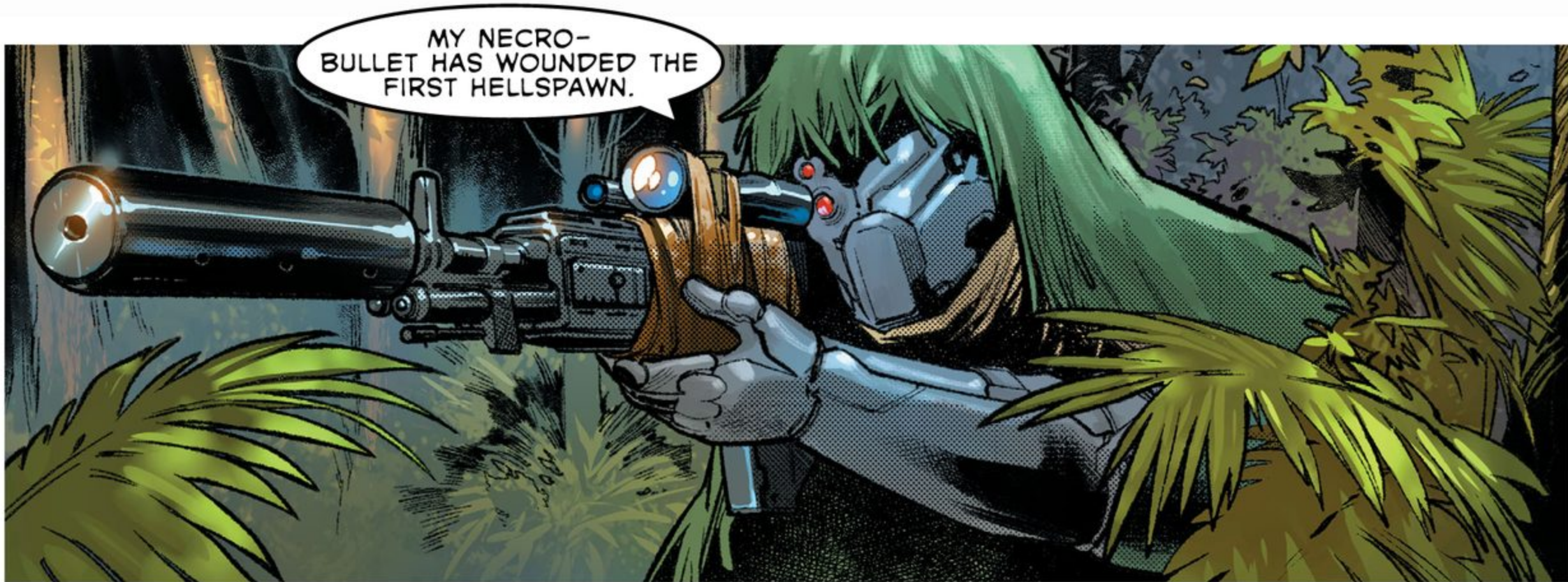


IT WAS A COWARD'S WAY TO END HER JOURNEY. THEY WILL PAY FOR...



BLAM

THE SNIPER'S BULLET COMES FROM THE WOODS.





WHICH,
UNEXPECTEDLY,
THEY GET!



SHE-SPAWN'S
IN THE WOODS, FIND
HER! I'M HEADING
EAST!

I THINK
I SEE THEM
ALREADY.



JESSICA!
OVER
HERE!



TAKE THE
GIRL, SHE'S
MELTING DOWN.
I'M GOING
BACK!

TAKE
MY ROCKET
LAUNCHER.

HIDE
HER! AND KILL
ANYONE THAT
COMES CLOSE
TO HER!



SHE-SPAWN
SEES REDEEMER
ISN'T FARING
TOO WELL.



AS NONE OF HIS
EVASIVE MANEUVERS
SEEM TO BE WORKING.



I'VE
GOT YOU,
SUCKER.



THOOM



IF SHE CAN'T SHOOT
HER LAUNCHER, SHE'LL
USE IT TO BREAK SOME
BONES INSTEAD.



AND SHE LEARNED,
DURING ALL HER WET
WORK MISSIONS...



...THAT THERE'S
ALWAYS A WAY...



...TO RUN
AND GUN.



KPOW

PSALMS 137. THE BLACK FLAG. THE COURT OF PRIESTS. THESE ENEMIES HAVE EMERGED ONE AFTER ANOTHER.

KA BOOM

PSALMS WANTS TO BRING ABOUT A NEW RELIGION. THE COURT OF PRIESTS LONG FOR THE "DEAD ZONES" TO ONCE AGAIN BE OPENED.

AND THE BLACK FLAG HUNGER TO CONTROL THE TECHNOLOGY THOSE OTHER TWO GROUPS HOLD. BUT EVERYONE'S PLANS HAVE BEEN DEALT A SEVERE BLOW.



THE BLACK FLAG ALSO KNOWS THE RAGE FLOWING IN THESE HELLSPAWN, FROM HAVING THEIR LOVED ONES ERASED, WILL BE UNLEASHED FULL FORCE.



NONE OF THEM WANT TO BE IN THIS BATTLE.



IN FACT, MOST DON'T EVEN WANT TO BE HERE ON EARTH RIGHT NOW. NOT IN THIS TIMELINE.

BUT EACH BIDES THEIR TIME UNTIL THEY FIND AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THEIR CURRENT FATES.

AIN'T NO ONE LEFT TO MAIM, SPAWN. SO, YOU CAN CRAWL BACK TO YOUR LITTLE HIDEOUT NOW.



THOSE WERE JUST DISTRACTIONS.



THE TRUE MISSION OF THE BLACK FLAG IS MUCH MORE SINISTER. THEIR TRUE GOAL IS TO IDENTIFY WEAPONRY--BIOLOGICAL. NUCLEAR. OR SUPERNATURAL.

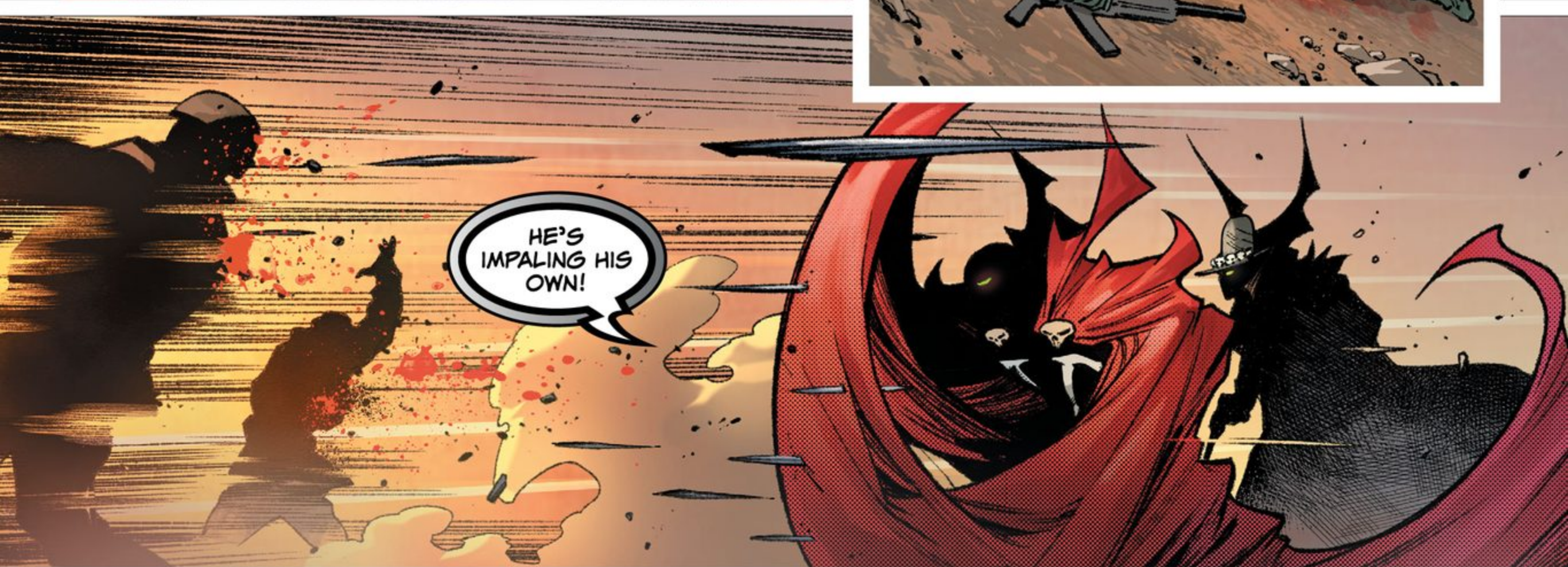
WHEN THEY DISCOVERED THE PLAGUE, HELL'S FIRST SYMBIOTE PROTOTYPE, IT WAS THE PERFECT DISEASE!

WHAT WEAPON COULD BE BETTER?

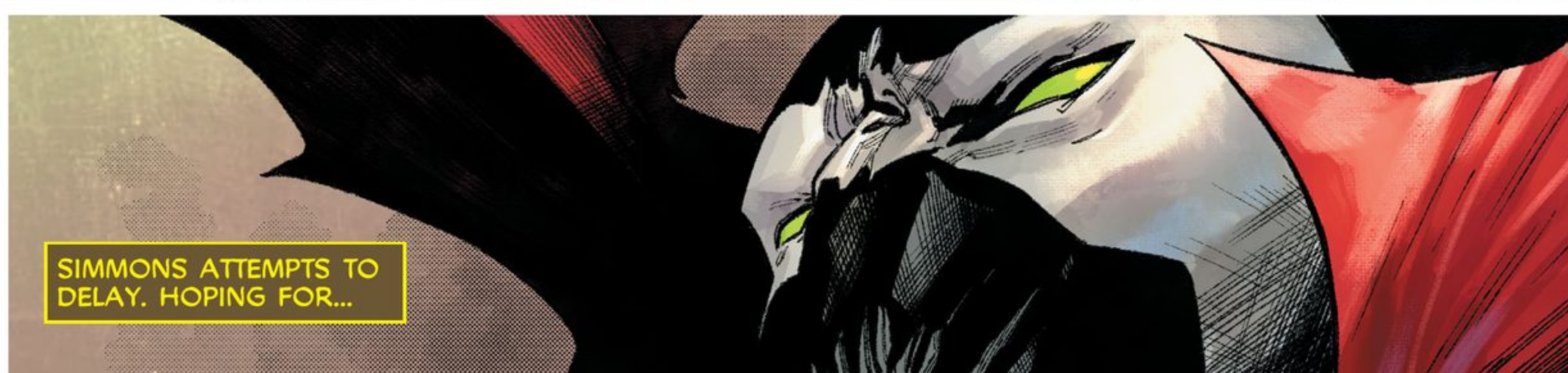
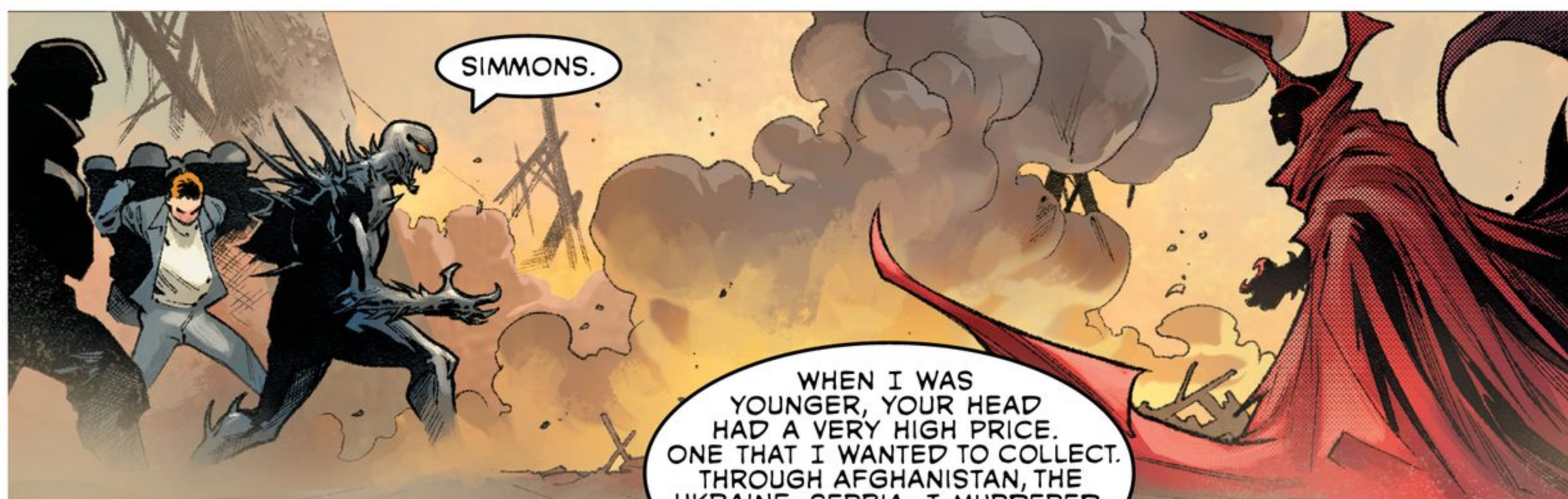
AND THE THING WITH DISEASE, IT WANTS TO INFECT...INFECT **EVERYTHING!**

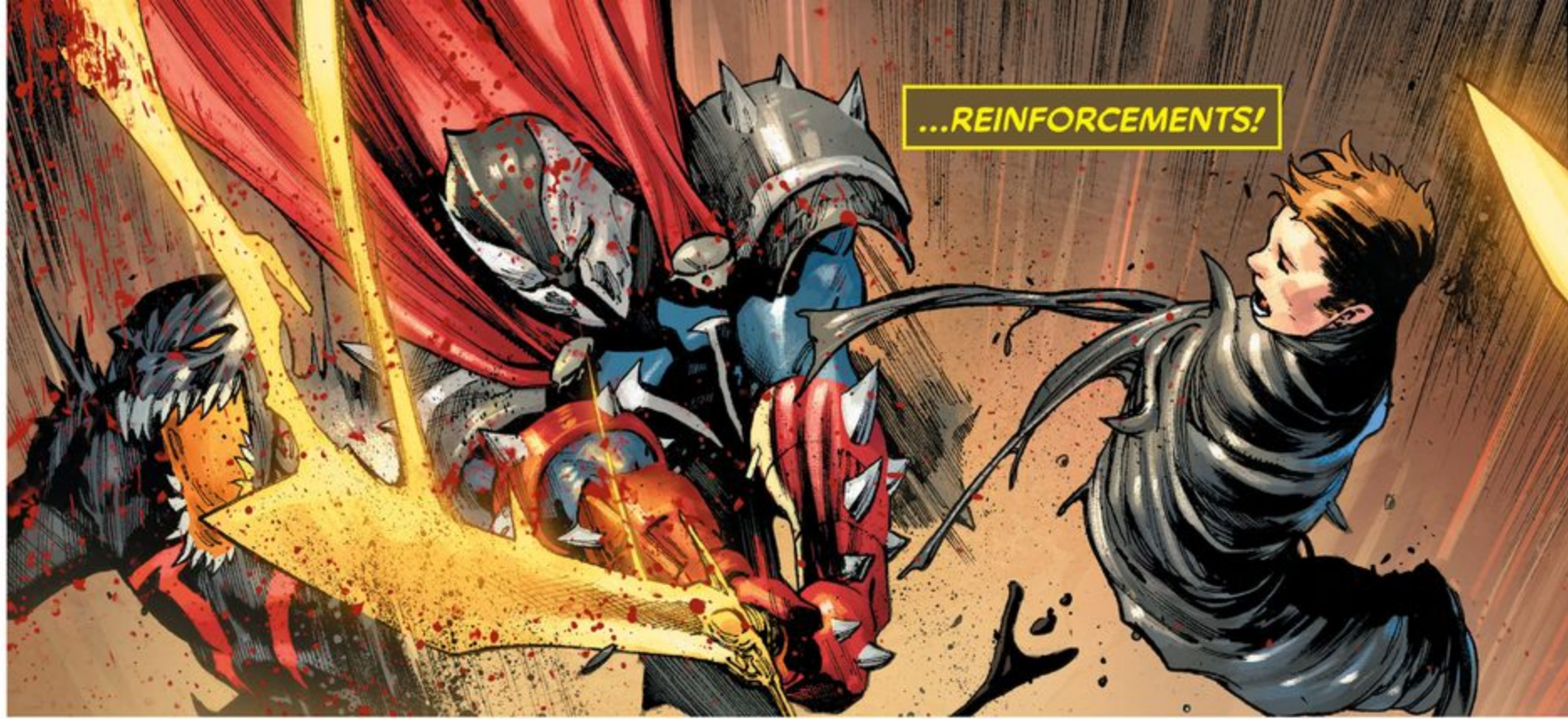


IN THIS CASE, THE KRUSCHEV PLAGUE WILL SACRIFICE WHATEVER HE NEEDS TO ACHIEVE HIS MISSION.



HE'S IMPALING HIS OWN!





...REINFORCEMENTS!



IT'S CALLED THE PINCH TACTIC. A STRATEGY AS OLD AS SUN TZU AND THE EMPIRES OF CHINA.



ATTACK FROM EVERY FLANK, THEN WAIT AS YOU HOLD YOUR GREATEST STRENGTH FOR A FULL HEAD-ON ASSAULT!



YOU KILLED THAT GIRL WHO HAD NO WAY OF STANDING UP TO YOU. SACRIFICED YOUR OWN MEN?

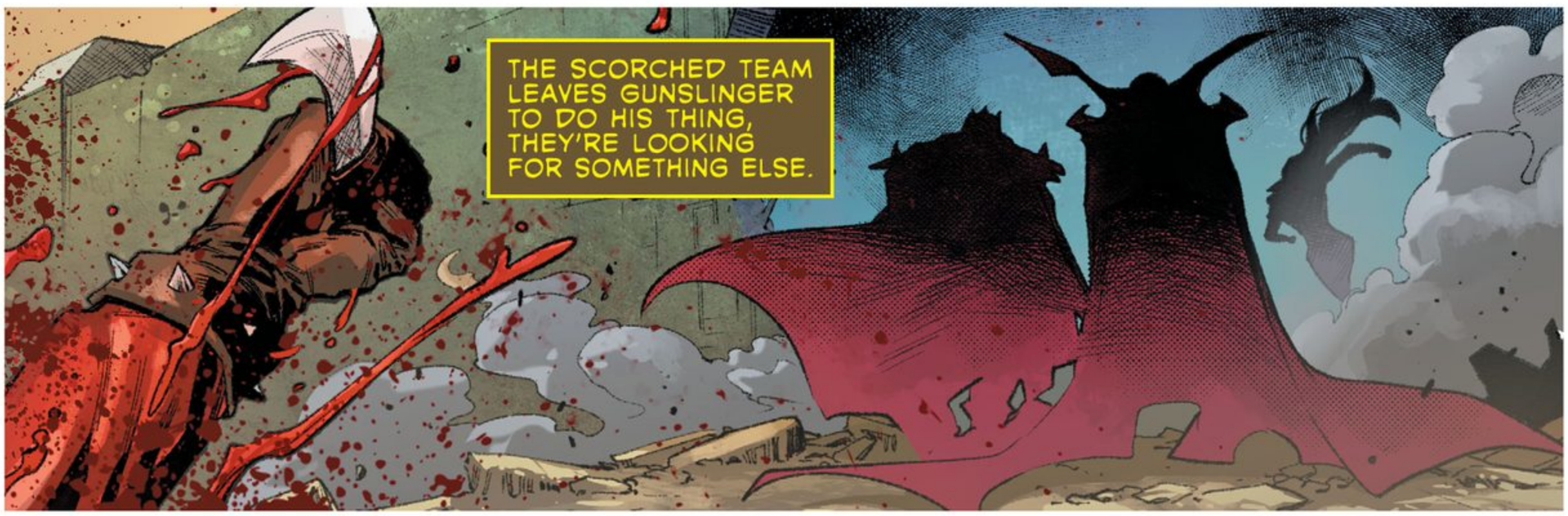
WHERE'S YOUR HONOR?!



I'LL *SKIN* THIS DOG'S SYMBIOTE FROM HIM!



IF NOT, HE'LL JUST BLEED TO DEATH.



THE SCORCHED TEAM LEAVES GUNSLINGER TO DO HIS THING, THEY'RE LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ELSE.



GLAD YOU JOINED THE PARTY, SIMMONS. WHAT CHANGED YOUR MIND?

IT'S SIMPLE. YOU NEED ME.



THAT RIGHT? THINK WE CAN'T HANDLE OURSELVES?

YOU CAN'T.



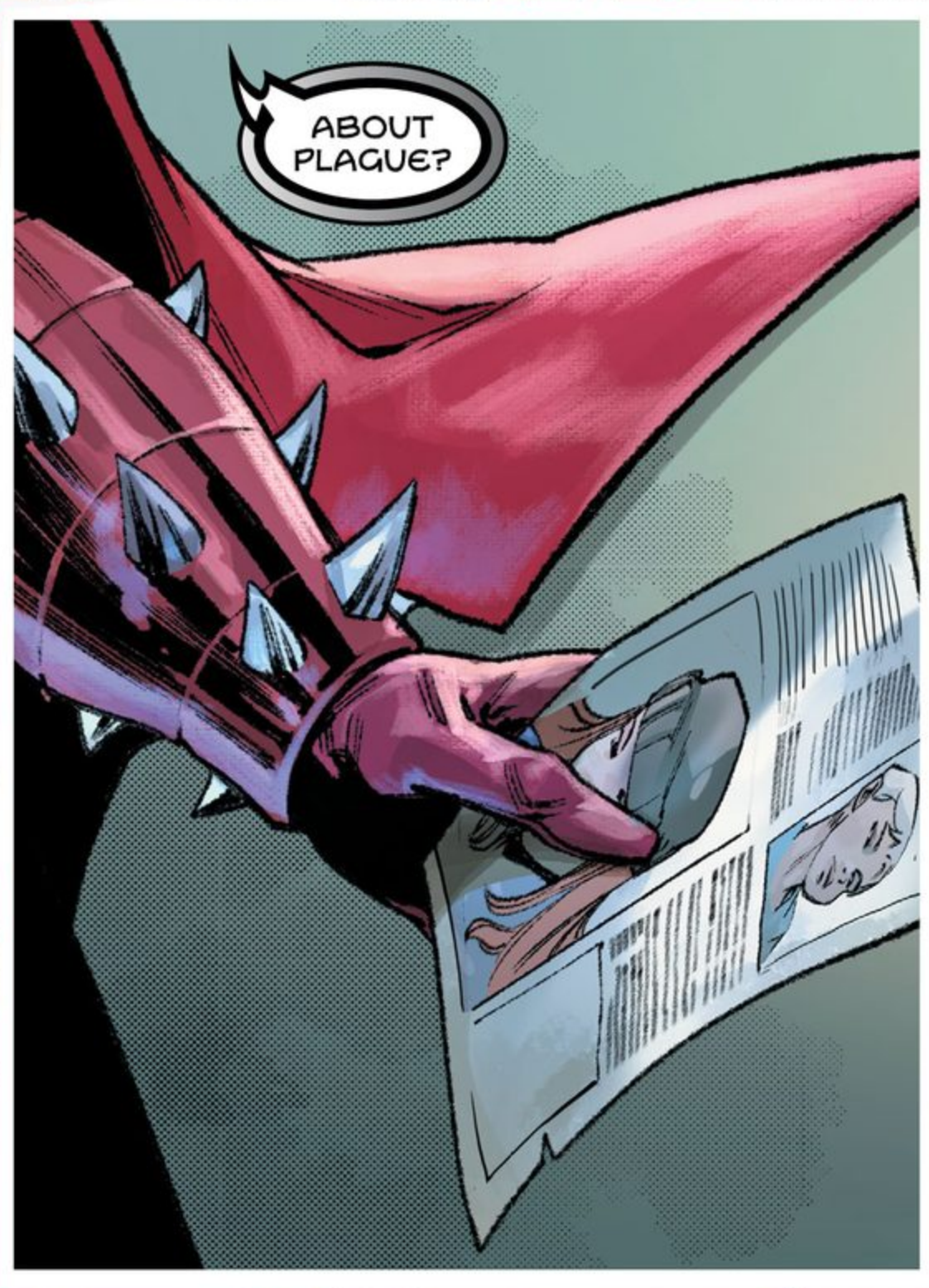
WHATEVER. SOMEONE HAD FILES ON OUR GIRLS. WHY?



AND THERE'S A BOY, SERGEI, IN THE SAME FILES WITH NATASHA AND ODESSA. SAYS THEY WERE ALL ORPHANS.

WHY'S THAT MATTER?

BECAUSE OF THE AMERICAN WHO ADOPTED THEM, KRUSCHEV THOUGHT HE WAS TRYING TO STEAL HIS SECRETS.



ABOUT PLAGUE?



I THINK SO.

BUT EVEN IF THEY HAD THAT INFO WHAT WERE THEY GOING TO DO WITH IT ANYWAY? SELL IT?

AL, WHAT DO YOU THINK...



FOUND THIS COWARD HIDING.

I'M GUESSING HE KNOWS A FEW THINGS. ISN'T THAT RIGHT, COMRADE?



NOW, YOU'RE
GOING TO TELL
EVERYTHING!

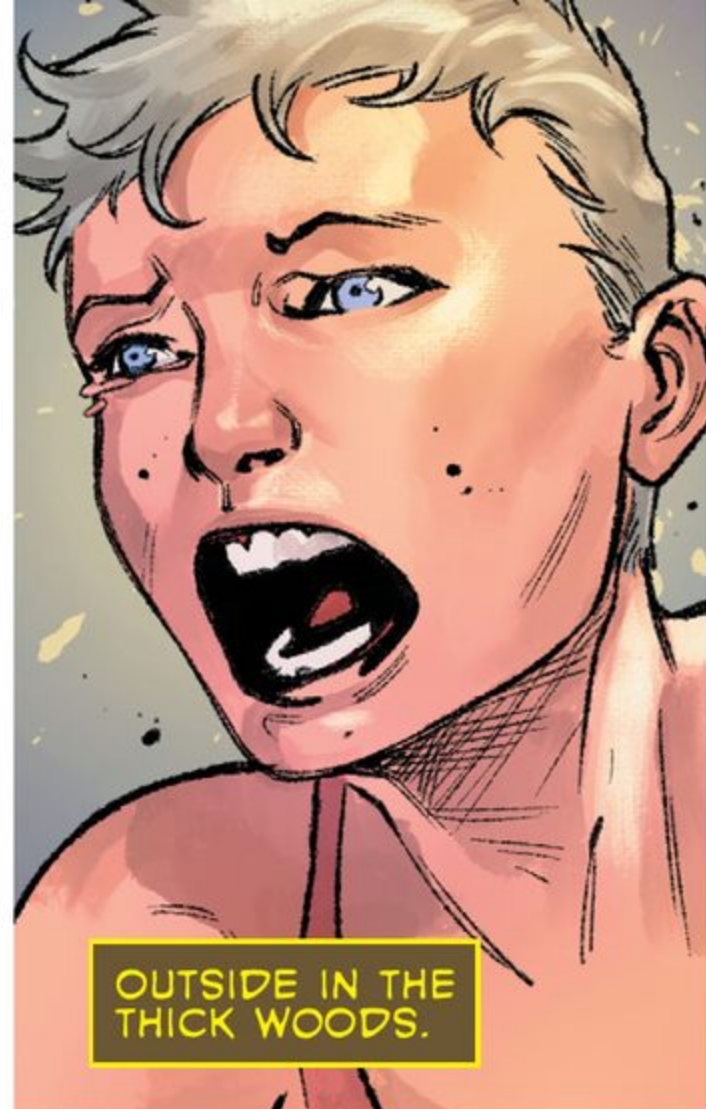
THE SOLDIER
UNDERSTANDS HE
DOESN'T HAVE
ANY CHOICE.

THERE WERE
FOUR OF THEM,
NATASHA, ODESSA,
SERGEI AND THE
OLD MAN FROM
AMERICA.

HE SCOUTED
ORPHANAGES LOOKING
FOR KIDS TO EXPLOIT AND
TRAIN. HOPING HE'D EVENTUALLY
CONTROL PLAGUE FOR HIS OWN
PURPOSES. HE WANTED *HUMANS*
TO HAVE THE POWER, NOT HELL.
THEN HUMANS WOULD
REIGN AGAIN.

KRUSCHEV
WANTED THE SAME
THING, SO HE COULD GET
RID OF ALL OF YOU. BUT
IF HE COULDN'T, THEN
THEY WOULD.

WHO
THE HELL ARE
"THEY"?



OUTSIDE IN THE THICK WOODS.



GO AWAY!
LEAVE ME
ALONE!!

NATASHA,
PLEASE! YOUR
BACK, IT'S BURNING
FROM PLAGUE'S
QUILLS!



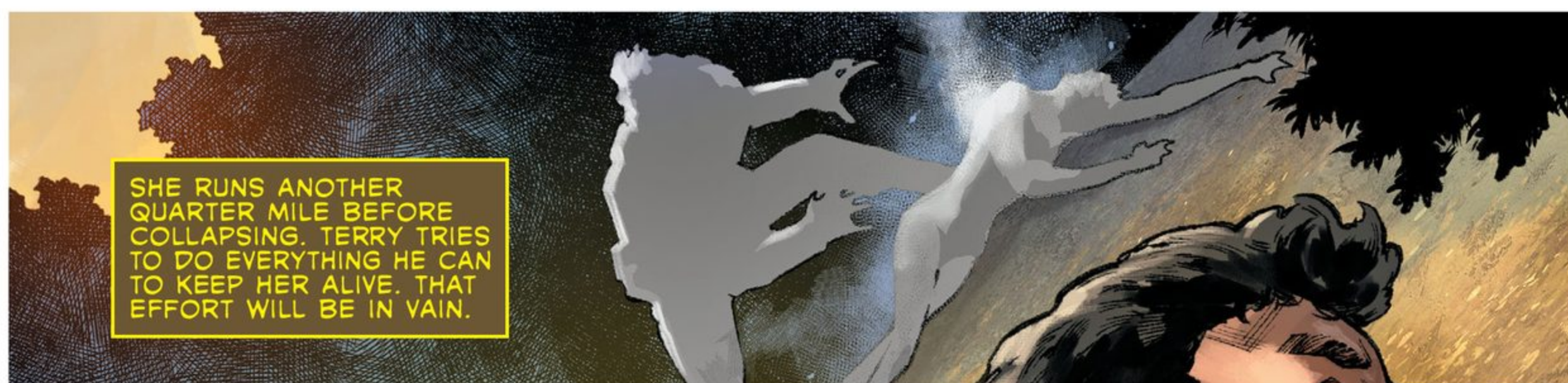
YOU
NEED TO
STOP!

THEY'LL
BLAME ME! THEY'LL
SAY IT'S ALL MY
FAULT!



WHO'S
GOING TO
BLAME
YOU?

SERGEI.
AND THE OLD
MAN!



SHE RUNS ANOTHER
QUARTER MILE BEFORE
COLLAPSING. TERRY TRIES
TO DO EVERYTHING HE CAN
TO KEEP HER ALIVE. THAT
EFFORT WILL BE IN VAIN.



CRACK



UNFORTUNATELY,
FOR YOU DEAR
FRIEND, NATASHA HAS
ALREADY SAID FAR
TOO MUCH!

THE SECRETS
WE'VE BEEN KEEPING
ARE NOT FOR THE WORLD
TO KNOW! YOU SHOULD
HAVE JOINED US INSTEAD
OF RESISTING US! BECAUSE
WHOEVER SIDES WITH
HEAVEN OR HELL WILL
ALWAYS BE MY

**MORTAL
ENEMIES!**



SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS:

THE SPAWN FILES

CODENAME 'THE SCORCHED' KNOWN AFFILIATES:

Name: Jessica Priest

Alias: She-Spawn

Covert Operative. Has been attached to CIA, NSA, and [REDACTED]. She went underground after the death of her former employer, Jason Wynn. She has recently resurfaced as an ally of Spawn and the leader of The Scorched.



Name: "Javier"

Alias: Gunslinger Spawn

Currently displaced from his own time period. Is having difficulty coming to terms with the present. Doesn't play well with others. Doesn't understand microwaves.



Name: Marc Rosen

Alias: Medieval Spawn

Marc Rosen--long-time ally of Spawn. Unknown to Spawn, Marc has been possessed by the spirit of Medieval Spawn, allowing him to transform into the mighty warrior at the cost of Medieval Spawn to taking control of Marc's body.



Name: Unknown

Alias: Redeemer

At this time, only Spawn knows the true identity of this Redeemer and why he is working with a team of Hellspawns.



PERSONS OF INTEREST:

Name: Jim Downing

Alias: None

After briefly taking over the mantle of "Spawn," Jim Downing ended up in a coma. Now awake under mysterious circumstances with new powers, Jim has re-joined the fight against those who seek to harm Earth. Whether Spawn likes it or not.



Name: Daniel Kilgore

Alias: Haunt

A former Priest, Daniel Kilgore, has the ability to merge with the ghost of his dead brother (Daniel) and become Haunt. He has recently been poisoned and become the target of both Heaven and Hell for unknown reasons.



Name: Unknown

Alias: Monolith

Origin Unknown. Whereabouts Unknown. Allegiances Unknown.



Name: Michael Konieczny

Alias: Cy-Gor

The mind of a man trapped in the body of a giant, cybernetic gorilla. Recently resurrected, taken in, and cared for by Spawn. His augments provide him with incredible strength, agility, and resilience.



Name: Nicholas Rocca

Alias: Overt-Kill

Overt-Kill is a former assassin in the employ of the Mob and eventually Jason Wynn. He has been resurrected and brought into the care of Spawn. His last known whereabouts were in the vicinity of "Omega Island." Current status, unknown.



Do you have a question or comment about Spawn? If so, e-mail it to us at:
spawningground@mcfarlane.com

VELVET DEADLY CLASS *ROYAL CITY*
LAZARUS **EAST OF WEST** I KILL GIANTS
THE WALKING DEAD I HATE FAIRYLAND
KING CITY *SEX CRIMINALS*
KILL OR BE KILLED *CURSE WORDS* **RATQUEENS**
SOUTHERN BASTARDS **SPAWN** THE WICKED + THE DIVINE **BLUE MONDAY**
MONSTRESS **CHEW** *KINGSMAN*
NOWHERE MEN
HOWTOONS THEY'RE NOT LIKE US **SUNSTONE** SEVEN TO ETERNITY
DESCENDER *PAPER GIRLS*
OCTOPUS PIE WYTCHEs *SHUTTER*
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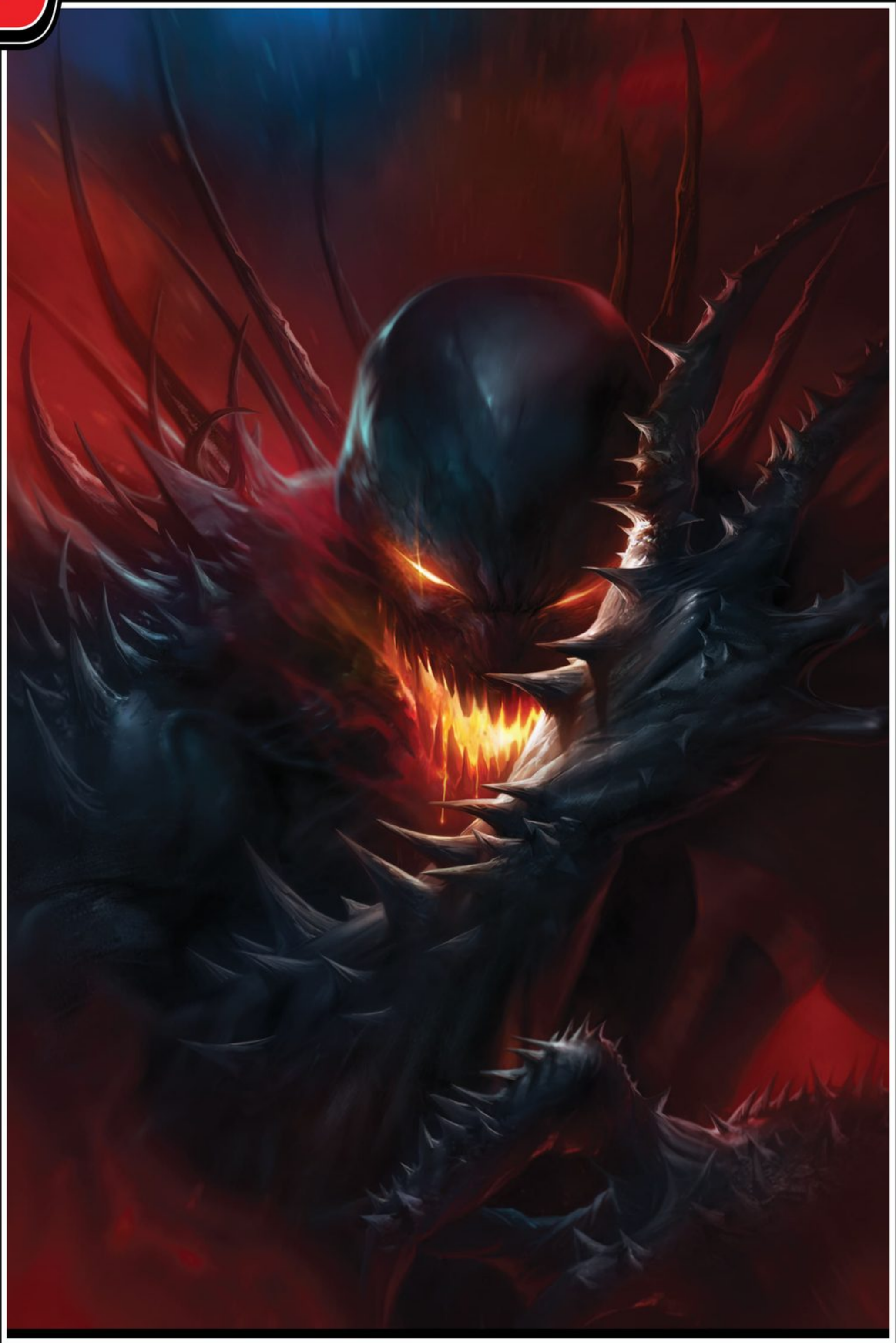
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